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MEETING MINUTES¹

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Meeting Date: October 24, 2000
Meeting Time: 1:00 P.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St., House Chamber
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 5

Members Present: Rep. Charlie Brown, Chairperson; Rep. Brian Hasler; Rep. William Crawford; Rep. Susan Crosby; Rep. John Day; Rep. Craig Fry; Rep. Win Moses; Rep. Peggy Welch; Rep. Vaneta Becker; Rep. Robert Behning; Rep. Mary Kay Budak; Rep. Gloria Goeglein; Sen. Patricia Miller, Vice-Chairperson; Sen. Kent Adams; Sen. Beverly Gard; Sen. Connie Lawson; Sen. Vi Simpson.

Members Absent: Rep. Timothy Brown; Rep. David Frizzell; Sen. Greg Server; Sen. Steve Johnson; Sen. Marvin Riegsecker; Sen. Allie Craycraft; Sen. Billie Breaux; Sen. Earline Rogers.

Rep. Charlie Brown called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.

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Updates on the Use of the Tobacco Settlement Funds

Pat Rios, Executive Assistant to Governor Frank O'Bannon, provided a handout². She described the various funds that were established in Senate Enrolled Act 108-2000. Ms. Rios stated that \$166 million has been received in Indiana under the terms of the master settlement agreement, and that Indiana is expected to receive \$124 million by June 30, 2001. She provided national figures concerning how tobacco settlement funds are being used by the states. Ms. Rios introduced Joni Albright, Indiana State Department of Health, and Grace Chandler, Hoosier Rx Program, and stated that she would convey information from Bain Farris, Chairman of the Tobacco Executive Board, who could not be present at the Commission meeting.

In response to a question from Rep. Goeglein, Rep. Brown explained that funds used by the Attorney General are separate money that was not appropriated by the General Assembly.

Ms. Albright explained that the Indiana State Department of Health is responsible for three allocations from the tobacco settlement funds. Local health departments received the first allocation and used the money for: (1) additional funding for existing projects; (2) new projects; and (3) community health center operating projects. The second allocation was awarded to 42 organizations in 67 counties in Indiana for uses including federally qualified health centers and planning/development grants. The third allocation will be used for grants for health care of the uninsured and underinsured. Thirty applications for these grants have been received. A decision is expected in November regarding the organizations that will receive the health care for the uninsured/underinsured grants. Rep. Brown requested information regarding the applicants.

Ms. Rios presented information provided by Mr. Farris. Ms. Rios described the meeting schedule and content of meetings of the Executive Board, which have been held monthly since June, 2000. She stated that, in addition to learning about state regulations that must be followed by the Board, the Board has been provided information about local, state, and national programs and information from the Center for Disease Control regarding best practices. Ms. Rios explained that selection of an executive director is in progress with a November target date for appointment of an executive director. She stated that a mission statement was adopted at the October, 2000, meeting, and a long range state plan and a strategy for requests for proposals (RFPs) for minority initiatives have been discussed as well.

In response to questions from Rep. Crawford, Ms. Rios stated that the goal of the RFPs for minority initiatives is to reach a statewide audience and avoid a delay in addressing concerns of minorities who have been disproportionately impacted by tobacco.

Ms. Chandler provided a handout³. She described the process that has been followed by the Prescription Drug Advisory Committee in developing the HoosierRx Program. Ms. Chandler informed the members of the rulemaking schedule. She stated that the HoosierRx Program is for low income seniors and is an assistance program under the Family and Social Services Administration, not a Medicaid program. Rep. Brown noted that legislation will be required in the future to fund the HoosierRx Program beyond the \$20 million that has been appropriated.

²See Exhibit 1.

³See Exhibit 2.

Final Report and Proposed Legislation

Rep. Brown requested that Sen. Simpson present a bill draft⁴ regarding the eligibility of disabled individuals for Medicaid. Sen. Simpson discussed work that has been done in previous sessions regarding this issue, and stated that this draft would expand the definition of disability for purposes of Medicaid eligibility. Rep. Crawford recalled discussions during the last budget session regarding the increasing costs of the Medicaid program. He requested information regarding the fiscal impact of this draft. Sen. Simpson explained that the fiscal impact of this draft will be different than in previous sessions because the statute has been changed since the last time a draft with this specific purpose has been introduced. Sen. Simpson acknowledged that the fiscal impact will be significant, but expressed her belief that this is the right thing to do. Rep. Crawford requested fiscal information as soon as it is available. Adoption of the draft was moved and seconded and the Commission adopted the draft by consent.

PD 3530⁵, voiding a provision of the Indiana Administrative Code specifying that "anorectics or any agent used to promote weight loss" are not covered under Indiana's Medicaid program, was presented by Rep. Crosby. Adoption of the draft was moved and seconded and the Commission adopted the draft by voice vote.

PD 3559⁶, requiring establishment of a comprehensive weight management pilot program, specifying purposes and functions, and appropriating funds, was presented by Rep. Crosby. Rep. Crosby noted the increasing problem of overweight/obesity in Indiana, and stated that she is unaware of any weight management program in Indiana that is available to low income populations. In response to a question from Sen. Adams, Rep. Crosby noted that the 2 year pilot program has annual costs of \$431,000 and \$492,000. In response to questions from Sen. Miller, it was noted that individual entities specified in the draft, including Indiana University and Wishard Health Services are aware of their proposed function under the pilot program. Adoption of the draft was moved and seconded and the Commission adopted the draft by voice vote.

Rep. Budak withdrew PD 3466 concerning an immunization registry and noted that the recommendation in the final report is that the Indiana State Department of Health continue working toward establishment of an immunization registry and submit an advanced planning document to the federal Health Care Financing Administration before December 31, 2000, for approval of the plan and federal matching funds. When this work is complete, any legislation determined necessary to facilitate establishing a registry in Indiana should be drafted.

PD 3267⁷, concerning obesity education in public schools, was presented by Sen. Miller. Sen. Miller noted that the intent of the draft should be commended, but that she could not support such a mandate on the schools. Rep. Crawford suggested that the Commission make a recommendation in the final report encouraging the Department of Education to

⁴See Exhibit 3.

⁵See Exhibit 4.

⁶See Exhibit 5.

⁷See Exhibit 6.

provide the education that would be mandated under the draft. Sen. Gard suggested adding a statement encouraging the Department of Education to investigate the components of school lunches and the presence of soda machines in the schools. Sen. Simpson stated that physical education should be added to the recommendation. The Commission adopted by consent a recommendation encouraging the Indiana State Department of Education to assess the current status and future development of nutrition and physical education programs in public schools with a view to obesity prevention and treatment, including the components of school lunches and the presence of soda machines in the schools.

Rep. Brown requested a motion on the adoption of the final report⁸, including adoption of the draft legislation and the revision specified above. Adoption of the final report including the revision regarding the Department of Education was moved and seconded and the Commission adopted the revised final report by voice vote.

Rep. Brown noted that there will be a Commission meeting on October 31, 2000. Rep. Welch stated that a self-advocacy group for the mentally handicapped citizens would like to present information on their work to the Commission. She expressed concern about attendance at the meeting. Rep. Brown requested that all members attend and informed the members that information regarding the Indiana Calcium Initiative would also be provided at the meeting. Rep. Brown noted that the time of the meeting on October 31, 2000, will be changed to 12:00 noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM.

⁸See Exhibit 7.